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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE CHURCH SUBCOMMITTEE HEARINGS ON FOREIGN
ECONOMIC POLICY, SENATE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

1. THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY (SENATOR
CHURCH CHAIRMAN) OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN
RELATIONS IS IN THE PROCESS OF SCHEDULING OVERSIGHT
HEARINGS ON THE WITTEVEEN FACILITY PROPOSAL OF THE IMF.
THE HEARING DATES ARE SEPT. 21, 23 - OCT. 6, 7, AND 10.
THE STAFF OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE HAS APPROACHED THE DEPART-
MENT WITH AN ORAL REQUEST FOR SPECIFIC TESTIMONY ON,
INTER ALIA, INDONESIA. IN ADDITION, THE STAFF HAS SPE-
CIFICALLY REQUESTED THAT YOU TESTIFY ON INDONESIA ON
OCTOBER 6 (YOU ARE SCHEDULED TO BE IN WASHINGTON FROM
OCTOBER 6-17).

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2. THE DEPARTMENT HAS INDICATED TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE STAFF
THAT IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR STATE OFFICIALS TO
TESTIFY IN OPEN SESSION ON SPECIFIC COUNTRIES. THE STAFF
HAS INDICATED THAT WHILE SENATOR CHURCH DOES NOT BELIEVE
THE SUBCOMMITTEE SHOULD HOLD CLOSED HEARINGS, SHOULD
SENSITIVE ISSUES ARISE, CHURCH IS WILLING TO CONSIDER

GOING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. THIS ISSUE REMAINS UNRESOLVED.

3. WITH REGARD TO OTHER WITNESSES, WE HAVE RECEIVED CONFLICTING REPORTS FROM THE SUBCOMMITTEE AS TO WHICH OFFICIALS ARE BEING INVITED AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE TOPICS TO BE ADDRESSED BY THE WITNESS. COMMITTEE STAFF HAS GIVEN THE FOLLOWING VERY TENTATIVE LIST WHICH IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE:

---- TONY SOLOMON - TREASURY
---- PROFESSOR FISHLOW - BERKELEY
---- FSO DELABARRE - TURKEY DESK
---- JOHN MOORE-EXIM BANK
---- ERLAND HEGINBOTHAM - DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
---- IRVING FRIEDMAN-CITY BANK
---- AMBASSADOR YOUNG
---- FSO JOHNSTON - EMBASSY JAMAICA
---- SECRETARY VANCE
---- UNDER SECRETARY COOPER

4. THE DEPARTMENT HAS NOT COMMITTED ITSELF TO SUPPLYING ANY OF THOSE WITNESSES, AND HAS TOLD THE CHURCH SUB-COMMITTEE THAT WE WOULD NOT ACT FURTHER UNTIL WE RECEIVE A LETTER FROM THE COMMITTEE.

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5. WE ARE ONLY ALERTING YOU AT THIS TIME TO POSSIBILITY OF HEARINGS. REQUEST FOR YOUR TESTIMONY APPARENTLY ARISES OUT OF YOUR FIRST HAND EXPERIENCE WITH INDONESIA AND THE CONVERSATION YOU HAD LAST JUNE WITH COMMITTEE STAFF MEMBERS REGARDING PRIVATE U.S. BANK FINANCING IN INDONESIA. WE WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY OCCUR. THE NEXT STEP IS FOR THE SUBCOMMITTEE STAFF TO SEND US AN OFFICIAL REQUEST. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS.

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